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2	DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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5	GRECIA )
6	ECHEVARRIA-HERNANDEZ, ) Case No. individually, ) 2:16-cv-00943-GMN-VCF
7	Plaintiff, )
8	vs.
9	AFFINITYLIFESTYLES.COM, )
10	INC., d/b/a REAL ALKALIZED ) WATER, a Nevada )  CERTIFIED
11	corporation, DOES I-X, and ) ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I-X, )  COPY
12	inclusive,
13	Defendants. )
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17	VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF GRECIA ECHEVARRIA HERNANDEZ
18	Taken on Thursday, November 3, 2016
	At 9:03 a.m.
19	Taken at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP
20	6385 South Rainbow Boulevard
21	Suite 600
22	Las Vegas, Nevada
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25	Reported by: Sarah Safier, CCR No. 808

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Page 2 DEPOSITION OF GRECIA ECHEVARRIA-HERNANDEZ, taken at 1 2 Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, 6385 South 3 Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 600, Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 9:03 a.m., before 5 Sarah Safier, Certified Court Reporter, in and for 6 the State of Nevada. 7 APPEARANCES: For the Plaintiff: DANIELLE J. BARRAZA, ESQ. Maier Gutierrez Ayon 10 8816 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 11 For the Defendants: 12 KRISTOL BRADLEY GINAPP, ESQ. 13 Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 6385 South Rainbow Boulevard 14 Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 15 Also Present: 16 JOSEPH CAMP, Videographer 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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1	sworn in by Sarah Safier of All-American Court
2	Reporters.
3	Whereupon
4	GRECIA ECHEVARRIA HERNANDEZ
5	being first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole
6	truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and
7	testified as follows:
8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Please begin.
9	EXAMINATION
10	BY MS. GINAPP:
11	Q Can you please state and spell your full
12	name for the record.
13	A Grecia Analiz Echevarria Hernandez,
14	G-R-E-C-I-A, and then Analiz, A-N-A-L-I-Z,
15	Echevarria, E-C-H-E-V-A-R-R-I-A, Hernandez,
16	H-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-Z.
17	Q And is Echevarria Hernandez hyphenated?
18	A No. It's not supposed to be.
19	Q Okay. Can you please tell me your current
20	address.
21	A 79 Tierra Buena Drive.
22	Q Can you spell that, please?
23	A T-I-E-R-R-A, space, B-U-E-N-A.
24	Q I'm sorry. What was it?
25	A B-U-E-N-A Drive.

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1		identification.)
2	BY MS.	
3	Q	You have been handed what's been marked as
4	Exhibit	C. Please take a look at it. And when
5	you're	ready to discuss it, let me know.
6	А	Okay.
7	Q	Do you recognize this document?
8	А	I do.
9	Q	What is it?
10	А	It was the thing I signed the first day.
11	Q	Okay. It's titled "Employment Agreement"?
12	A	Right.
13	Q	And you signed it on the first day that we
14	discuss	ed. It was part of the packet; is that
15	correct	?
16	A	Yes.
17	Q	And if you turn to the last page, is that
18	your si	gnature on the last page?
19	А	Yes.
20	Q	And it's dated 3/10/15, correct?
21	Α	Correct.
22	Q	So it would be fair to say your first day
23	was prob	pably March 10, 2015, then?
24	А	Yes.
25	Q	And looking at the rest of the document, is

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1	Q How did you verify that the information that
2	you found on those websites was correct?
3	A I figured it was online. I mean, a lot of
4	things aren't real online, but there's also a lot of
5	things, important things that are real online. And
6	that's, like, the number one information area.
7	Q Okay. So how did you determine that the
8	websites that you were visiting were the ones that
9	were real and authentic and correct?
10	A Well, most of the websites that I they
11	had similar writing. Like they talked about the
12	similar things.
13	Q So because they were saying the same things,
14	you decided they must be true?
15	A Yes.
16	Q Did you Google any of the actual websites to
17	see if any other websites had said that they were
18	false?
19	A No.
20	Q Can you read Paragraph 10 aloud into the
21	record.
22	A "Mediation and binding arbitration of
23	disputes. I understand and agree that any claim of
24	any nature arising out of or connected with my
25	employment at the company, including but not limited

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1	to termination, claims of age discrimination, sexual
2	harassment, religious discrimination or civil rights
3	violations, and questions of arbitrability shall be
4	resolved through a two-step dispute resolution
5	process administered by the applicable procedures of
6	American Arbitration Association, involving first
7	mediation before a mediator or panel of mediators
8	followed, if necessary, by final and binding
9	arbitration before the same, or if requested by
10	whether party another panel from the AAA.
11	"By entering this" "by entering into this
12	contract, both parties are giving up their
13	constitutional right to have any such dispute decided
14	in a court of law before a judge or jury and instead
15	are accepting the use of mediation and arbitration.
16	"The demand of mediation must be in writing
17	and must be made by the agreed party within 60 days
18	of the event giving rise to the demand. A request
19	for dispute resolution from the initiate form" "a
20	request for dispute resolution form to initiate the
21	mediation process can be made available from our
22	company. The mediation and, if necessary, the
23	arbitration shall take place in the state and country
24	in which I was employed by our company at the time of
25	the event giving rise to the demand.

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               "The arbitration's power to award a remedy
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     shall be limited to awarding monetary damages for
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     lost wages and/or benefits and damages. The decision
     of the arbitrator shall be binding and conclusive on
 5
     the parties and not reviewable for error of law or
 6
     legal reasoning of any kind. Judgment upon the
 7
     reward rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in
 8
     any court handing proper jurisdiction.
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              "Each party to the mediation arbitrator
     shall bear their own costs, including attorneys'
10
     fees. The fees for the mediator or arbitrator should
11
     be paid equally by both parties. If the company and
12
13
     I agree, we can choose a mediation to arbitration
     process other than the AAA.
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15
              "I understand that nothing in this Paragraph
16
    10 of the employment agreement shall restrict the
17
     company's right to fully enforce through the
     appropriate courts the terms of any confidentiality
18
     agreement between the company and itself."
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20
              And you read this paragraph prior to
     initialing it, correct?
21
22
         A
            Correct.
23
              And you understand that by initialing, you
24
    were representing that you understood the terms of
25
     the paragraph, correct?
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1	A Correct.
2	Q And you understand that by initialing, you
	were representing that you agreed to the terms of the
4	paragraph, correct?
5	A Correct.
6	Q And at the time that you initialed this
7 🥶	paragraph and executed this agreement, did you
8	understand the terms of Paragraph 10?
9	A No.
10	Q And did you ask anybody about the meaning of
11	the terms of Paragraph 10 prior to initialing?
12	A I didn't.
13	Q And why did you not do that?
14	A I figured I would not need it.
15	Q Going back to the paragraph, looking at
16	Paragraph 10 in the middle, there's a bolded section
17	that states, "By entering into this contract, both
18	parties are giving up their constitutional right to
19	have any such dispute decided in a court of law
20	before a judge or jury and instead are accepting the
21	use of mediation and arbitration."
22	Did you understand that sentence?
23	A I did not.
24	Q What don't you understand about that
25	sentence?

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I didn't know what it mean -- I didn't know
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    what it meant.
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             At all?
         Q
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         A At all.
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         Q Specifically, what terms did you not
 6
     understand?
 7
         A The whole thing.
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            You understood that this was a contract
     you're entering into, correct?
       A Correct.
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11
         Q And you understood that "both parties" meant
12
     you and Real Water, correct?
13
         A
             Correct.
14
             And you understand what giving up means,
15
     correct?
16
           Yes.
         A
17
              Right. And did you understand what a
   constitutional right was?
19
             Well, I'm not sure what it was talking
20
     about.
        Q Okay.
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             I wasn't 100 percent sure, actually, at all.
22
             All right. So it specifically says "their
23
    constitutional right to have such dispute." You know
24
    what a dispute is, correct?
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1	A disagreement?
2	Q Right.
3	A Yes.
4	Q "Decided in a court of law," you understand
5	what "decided in a court of law" means, correct?
6	A Yes.
7	Q And you understand what the term what the
8	phrase "before a judge or jury" means, correct?
9	A Yes.
10	Q Okay. So you understood that this was an
11	agreement where you gave up your right to have a
12	disagreement between you and Real Water decided by a
13	court of law before a judge or jury. You understood
14	that portion, correct?
15	A Up until now. I didn't understand that
16	before.
17	Q Did you make an attempt to understand it?
18	A No.
19	Q Why not?
20	A I figured I wouldn't need it.
21	Q Did you understand what mediation and
22	arbitration was?
23	A No.
24	Q Did you ever ask anybody?
25	A No.

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1	Q Okay. So you did filing. You did
2	scheduling sometimes?
3	A No.
4	Q No.
5	You worked in a law firm, and you didn't
6	know the term "mediation"?
7	MS. BARRAZA: Objection. Asked and
8	answered.
9	BY MS. GINAPP:
10	Q You can answer.
11	A Yeah, I didn't know.
12	Q And you worked in a law firm, but you didn't
13	know the meaning of the term "arbitration"?
14	A Correct.
15	Q Okay. And you didn't understand what it
16	meant for some dispute to be decided in a court of
17	law before a judge or a jury?
18	A I understood I mean, I didn't really look
19	too deep into this paragraph at all. I never thought
20	I would need it.
21	Q Okay. So when you signed it, you didn't
22	really even think about it at all?
23	A I didn't.
24	Q As you sit here today, do you have any
25	reason to believe you should not be bound by the

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     terms of Paragraph 10?
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              What do you mean?
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              You testified that this was a contract that
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     you intended to be bound to, correct?
 5
         A This?
 6
             Yes.
              I'm not sure how to answer that.
 8
              You understand that this is a contract,
     correct?
10
         A
              This? Yes.
11
           And when you signed it, you were intending
12
     to be bound by the terms of the contract, correct?
13
         A
              Correct.
14
              Is there any reason as you sit here today
15
     that you believe you should not be bound to the terms
     of Provision 10?
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              MS. BARRAZA: Objection. Calls for a legal
18
     conclusion.
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     BY MS. GINAPP:
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              I'm not asking for a legal conclusion. I'm
21
     asking for your factual reasons why.
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              Like, do I still go by this contract?
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         Q
              Yeah.
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         A
              Right now?
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         Q
              Yeah.
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. 1	A I don't work there anymore.
2	Q I understand. But is there a reason that
3	you believe that you should not be bound by this
4	provision just because you don't work there anymore?
5	A Yeah. I didn't take it serious. I didn't
6	really understand it.
7	(Defendant's Exhibit D was marked for
8	identification.)
9	BY MS. GINAPP:
10	Q Go ahead and review what has been handed to
11	you and marked as Exhibit D. And when you're ready
12	to discuss it, please let me know.
13	A Okay. Okay.
14	Q Do you recognize this document?
15	A Yes.
16	Q And can you tell me what it is?
17	A It was the other part of the employment
18	agreement.
19	Q So this is another document titled
20	"Employment Agreement" that you were presented with?
21	A Correct.
22	Q And is it your handwriting and your initials
23	on all of these pages?
24	A Yes.
25	Q And turning to the back page, Page 9 of the

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rules and procedures of another third party 1 2 arbitrator. "The choice between the AAA or other third 3 party as" -- "other third party as arbitrator shall 4 be agreed upon by both parties. Nothing in this 5 agreement to arbitrate employment-related disputes 6 prohibits the employee from submitting a 7 workplace-related administrative claim as permitted 8 9 by law." And you had the opportunity to -- or you 10 read or had the opportunity to read Paragraph 12 11 prior to initialing next to it and signing the 12 agreement, correct? 13 A Correct. 14 And you actually initialed the paragraph 15 16 after reading Paragraph 12, correct? Correct. 17 A And you understood that by initialing, you 18 were representing that you understood the terms of 19 Paragraph 12, correct? 20 21 A Correct. And you understood that by initialing, you 22 were representing that you agreed to the terms of 23 Paragraph 12, correct? 24 Correct. 25 A

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1	Q Did you understand the terms of
2	Paragraph 12?
3	A Kind of.
4	Q What didn't you understand?
5	A I didn't really think I would need any of
6	this, so I just signed it.
7	Q Okay. And did you agree with the terms of
8	Paragraph 12?
9	A Yes.
10	Q Can you read Paragraph 13 into the record.
11	A "If the best efforts of the parties to
12	mediate a resolution of any claim based on Title VII
13	of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII
14	claims do not result in a settlement of our
15	differences, then subject to company rights for
16	restraining order and injunction in Paragraph 10
17	above, the parties shall resolve each dispute one of
18	the following manners: Employee is to select one of
19	the two choices of his or her option."
20	Q Go ahead and read A and B.
21	A "A, I agree that any and all Title VII
22	claims shall be resolved by binding arbitration in
23	the same manner specified for non Title VII claims in
24	Paragraph 12 above and elsewhere in this agreement,
25	or, B, I agree that any and all Title VII claims

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      are?
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         A
               Yes.
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               And do you understand Title VII covers
      religious discrimination claims such as the ones that
 5
      you're alleging in the instant lawsuit?
 6
         A
              Right.
 7
              And as you sit here today, do you have any
 8
     reason to believe why you should not be bound by the
 9
     terms of Paragraph 13 and your choice of binding
10
     arbitration?
              MS. BARRAZA: Objection. Calls for a legal
11
12
     conclusion.
13
              THE WITNESS: You're asking me --
              MS. GINAPP: I'm asking you --
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15
              THE WITNESS: -- why I picked it?
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     BY MS. GINAPP:
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              No. I'm asking, as you sit here today, do
18
     you have any reason to believe that you should not be
19
     bound by the terms of the paragraph and your choice,
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     any factual reasons?
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             MS. BARRAZA: Same objection.
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              THE WITNESS: I wasn't -- I wasn't planning
   for things to go the way they did.
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24
     BY MS. GINAPP:
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              Okay. But you did choose binding
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	1	Q Okay.
	2	A which one.
	3	MS. GINAPP: Those are all the questions
	4	that I have.
	5	MS. BARRAZA: I don't have any.
	6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the
	7	videotaped deposition of Grecia Echevarria Hernandez.
	8	The original media of today's testimony will remain
	9	in the custody of Las Vegas Legal Video.
1	0	The time is approximately 4:56 p.m. We are
1	1	going off the record.
1	2	THE REPORTER: Counsel, before I go off the
1	3	record, did you want your client to read or waive
1	4	signature?
1.	5	MS. BARRAZA: We can waive that.
1	6	Can I get an electronic copy.
1	7	(Thereupon, the videotaped deposition
13	8	was concluded at 4:56 p.m.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
2	STATE OF NEVADA )
3	) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK )
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5	I, Sarah Safier, CCR No. 808, do thereby certify: That I reported the deposition of GRECIA
6	ECHEVARRIA HERNANDEZ, commencing on Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 9:03 a.m.
7	That prior to being deposed, the witness was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth. That I
8	thereafter transcribed my said shorthand notes into typewriting and that the typewritten transcript is a
9	complete, true, and accurate transcription of my said shorthand notes. That prior to the conclusion of the
10	proceedings, pursuant to NRCP 30(e), the reading and signing of the transcript was not requested by the
11	witness or a party.  I further certify that I am not a relative
12	or employee of counsel of any of the parties, nor a
13	relative or employee of the parties involved in said action, nor a person financially interested in the action.
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand in my
15	office in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, this 15th day of November, 2016.
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18	Sarah Safier, CCR No. 808
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